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GLOBAL 20

Law360 Reveals The Global 20 Firms Of 2017

When it comes to having the global expertise to handle complex cross-border matters spanning multiple time zones, some firms stand out from the rest. Here, Law360 reveals its seventh annual ranking of the firms with the biggest international presence. [Read more »](#)

Firms Stay The Course On London Growth Amid Brexit Haze

A year after the U.K.'s vote to end its membership in the European Union, most firms are either hewing to existing expansion plans or making tweaks around the edges, with even the most avid crystal ball-gazers at a loss for what Brexit will mean in the long term. [Read more »](#)

Global Firms Snap Up India Work With Liberalization In Limbo

International law firms play a crucial role in India despite being barred from practicing there, and some say opening up the country's legal industry wouldn't drastically change how they do business. [Read more »](#)

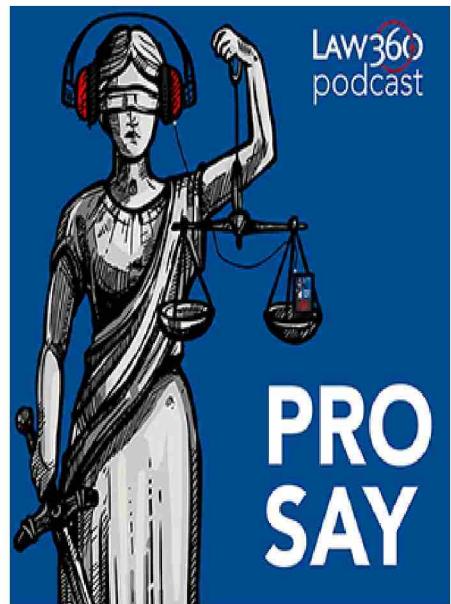
Where The Global 20 Are Bolstering Their Ranks

Australia, Brazil and Germany have emerged as premier hubs for global law firm expansion in 2017, fueled in part by increased anti-corruption enforcement in Brazil, infrastructure investment in Sydney and the U.K.'s vote to leave the European Union. [Read more »](#)

Why More Global Giants Are Renouncing Their HQs

As more and more international legal giants opt to renounce their headquarters — a move that can woo clients and merger partners alike — experts say it's a step that also brings its own set of management challenges. [Read more »](#)

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EXCLUSIVE: Priebus, McGahn Hire Quinn Emanuel In Mueller Probe

Former White House Chief of Staff Reince Priebus and White House Counsel Donald McGahn have hired Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP partner William Burck to advise them in special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation, Law360 has learned. [Read more »](#)

Analysis

Equifax Data Breach Highlights Regulatory Shortfall

Equifax's Thursday announcement that a security breach put the names, Social Security numbers, addresses and other personal data belonging to roughly 143 million consumers at risk highlighted gaps in U.S. regulations for the consumer credit reporting industry. [Read more »](#)

Congress Votes To Avoid Gov't Shutdown, Send Hurricane Aid

Congress passed a bill Friday that would avoid a costly government shutdown and default on federal debt for three months, as well as provide more than \$15 billion in hurricane cleanup funds for hurricanes Harvey and Irma. [Read more »](#)

Analysis

ISP Complaints May Not Forecast Post-Net Neutrality Behavior

A media advocacy group is pointing to thousands of new consumer complaints as a glimpse into the kind of behavior internet service providers will increasingly engage in if the FCC removes the legal underpinning for net neutrality rules, but attorneys and industry players say the documents offer only a fragmented view into certain practices. [Read more »](#)

Steptoe, Ex-BigLaw Attys Among Latest Trump US Atty Picks

President Donald Trump announced nine new picks for U.S. attorney spots Friday, including Steptoe & Johnson PLLC member Michael B. Stuart for West Virginia's Southern District and three attorneys who have practiced at BigLaw firms like Jones Day, Covington & Burling LLP and Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP. [Read more »](#)

Analysis

DC Circ. Pick Puts White House Advice Under Microscope

The nomination of deputy White House counsel Greg Katsas to the D.C. Circuit will bring an unusual level of public scrutiny to the president's legal advisers as the Senate aims to find out how involved Katsas may have been in crafting policies now being challenged in court. [Read more »](#)

Oregon Sens. Won't Support 9th Circ. Nominee

Oregon's Democratic U.S. senators sent a letter to White House counsel Don McGahn on Thursday, saying they would not support President Donald Trump's pick to fill a vacancy on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals because he wasn't vetted by the state's judicial selection committee. [Read more »](#)

BANKING & SECURITIES

More Trouble For ALJs Brewing In 5th Circ. FDIC Challenge

The U.S. government's bid to preserve the status of administrative law judges who dish out fines and punishments at federal agencies took another blow Thursday, when the Fifth Circuit said a bank director challenging the constitutionality of treating ALJs like normal employees had

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Jones Day

K&L Gates

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Laddey Clark

Latham & Watkins

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ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL

Watchdog To Probe Ethics Of Trump Environmental Officials

The Government Accountability Office will look into whether the Environmental Protection Agency and the White House Council on Environmental Quality have hired staff not bound by a Trump ethics rule aimed at limiting the power of private interests in Washington, a GAO official said Friday. [Read more »](#)

10th Circ. Panel Revives Enviro's Wyo. 'Open Land' Suit

A Tenth Circuit panel on Thursday revived a lawsuit from conservation groups that alleged the Wyoming Legislature passed trespassing laws that improperly prevent citizens from entering "open land" to collect information about agricultural pollution, saying the statutes regulate protected First Amendment speech. [Read more »](#)

9th Circ. Upholds Approval Of Ore. Snowmobile Parking Lot

The Ninth Circuit on Friday ruled that the U.S. Forest Service did not violate the National Environmental Policy Act or its management plan for the Deschutes National Forest in Oregon when approving a snowmobile parking area in the region, finding no issue with the environmental review. [Read more »](#)

Atlantic Coast Pipeline Developers Press FERC For Approval

The developers of the \$5 billion Atlantic Coast natural gas pipeline project on Thursday urged the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to approve its construction this month, so it can meet its goal of completing the project by early next year. [Read more »](#)

HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES

Health Hires: AIG, Debevoise, Hinckley, K&L, PhRMA, Stinson

The last few weeks have brought new faces focusing on health care and life sciences to AIG, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, Hinckley Allen & Snyder LLP, K&L Gates LLP, PhRMA and Stinson Leonard Street LLP, coming from the ranks of BigLaw, the government and various private companies. [Read more »](#)

QR Codes On GMO Foods Could Hinder Consumers: USDA

The use of scannable "QR" codes to provide information about genetically engineered food poses a number of challenges for consumers and retailers, the U.S. Department of Agriculture said in a study released Wednesday, listing technological and accessibility problems that could prevent consumers from getting the information they seek. [Read more »](#)

MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

Analysis

Rift Widens Over States' Role In Sports Betting

The gambling industry's arguments to the U.S. Supreme Court that sports betting is a state's rights issue could widen a gap between the industry and major professional sports leagues, which have said they prefer a federal law if they are going to support legalizing the practice at all. [Read more »](#)

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HP Inc.
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Jaguar Land Rover Ltd.
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TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

Analysis

3 Takeaways From The Self-Driving Car Bill

The House of Representatives' swift passage of first-of-its-kind legislation governing how autonomous or self-driving cars are manufactured, tested and deployed in the U.S. assures carmakers and technology companies that the federal government will take the wheel on safety standards, experts say. Here, Law360 examines some of the highlights of the bill. [Read more »](#)

9th Circ Keeps Uber, Lyft Union Law Paused For Appeal

The Ninth Circuit on Friday followed up on an emergency injunction it had given to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, saying it would continue to block a Seattle ordinance allowing drivers for Uber and Lyft to unionize while a suit over the new law is on appeal. [Read more »](#)

PRIVACY & CYBERSECURITY

Suing 'John Doe' Doomed Ex-Cop's Privacy Suit: 8th Circ.

The Eighth Circuit on Thursday affirmed a Minnesota federal judge's ruling ending a former law enforcement officer's privacy lawsuit over information gleaned from the state's driver's license database, finding that a specific person's name can't replace a John Doe after the statute of limitations has expired. [Read more »](#)

AEROSPACE & DEFENSE

Special Ops Exec Tapped For Navy Acquisition, R&D Chief

The Donald Trump administration Thursday announced the nomination of James F. Geurts, who currently oversees acquisitions for the U.S. Special Operations Command, to serve as assistant secretary of the Navy for research development and acquisition. [Read more »](#)

VA Introduces Expedited Disability Claim Process

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs on Thursday announced a new initiative intended to allow certain veterans' disability claims to be decided on within 30 days, shaving several months off the current average wait time. [Read more »](#)

Military Sexual Assault 'Pervasive,' Gillibrand Report Says

Sexual assault in the military is a "pervasive problem" with low rates of reporting and conviction, and part of the issue can be pegged to an "inherent bias" against allegations from lower-ranking service members against superiors, according to a report Thursday by Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y. [Read more »](#)

Lax DOD Program Review Could Waste Billions, OIG Says

A council tasked with determining whether the U.S. Department of Defense is purchasing the appropriate quantity of items for its major weapons acquisition programs has provided lax oversight, risking the DOD spending billions of dollars on items it doesn't need, a watchdog said in a report made public Thursday. [Read more »](#)

TAX

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New York University

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Pacer International, Inc.

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Southern Poverty Law Center

Spokeo Inc.

Suddenlink Communications

Talen Energy Corp.

TransUnion LLC

Trump Organization Inc.

U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Uber Technologies Inc.

Verizon Communications

Washington Post Co.

Wells Fargo & Co.

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DOJ Won't Re-Open Political Bias Investigation Against IRS

The U.S. Department of Justice has rejected calls from House Ways and Means Committee members to re-open a criminal investigation into a former IRS official caught up in the agency's political bias scandal against conservative groups, according to a letter sent Friday. [Read more »](#)

Court Revives Property Tax Row Against NJ Town

A New Jersey appeals court on Friday revived an apartment building owner's fight against a property assessment, directing the state tax court to look again at whether the challenge is timely and, if so, whether the town of Newton met exceptions to a law requiring a two-year freeze on evaluations. [Read more »](#)

IMMIGRATION

Colo. Republican Won't Force Vote On DACA Replacement

A Republican congressman said Thursday that he is postponing an effort to force a vote on a bill deferring deportations and extending work permits to recipients of the endangered Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. [Read more »](#)

Sens. Aim To Shield Exchange Visas From Any Trump Cuts

The Senate Appropriations Committee voted Thursday to make the White House seek public comment before slashing the number of J-1 visas for a privately funded cultural exchange program, which the committee said offers diplomatic and national security benefits along with positive economic impact. [Read more »](#)

UC President Sues Trump Admin. To Save DACA

University of California President Janet Napolitano hit the Trump administration with a lawsuit in California federal court Friday, seeking to save the federal program she helped create that protects more than 800,000 young immigrants from deportation and allows them to work in the United States legally. [Read more »](#)

DOJ Gives Grant Advantage For Aiding Immig. Enforcement

The U.S. Department of Justice notified state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies Thursday that they can earn bonus points on their grant applications for fiscal year 2017 by cooperating with federal efforts against unauthorized immigration. [Read more »](#)

NATIVE AMERICAN

Utah County Can't Escape Navajo Group's Voting Rights Suit

A Utah federal judge on Thursday denied partial summary judgment bids all around in the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission's suit seeking to hold San Juan County liable for allegedly not providing equal voting opportunities to Navajo citizens, saying a full trial is the better course of action. [Read more »](#)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Pai Tees Up Media Rule 'Modernization Month' At FCC

Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai said Thursday that the agency will tackle outdated media, satellite, emergency and toll-free calling regulations at its September meeting, as part of the FCC's renewed

Immigration Services

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Competition and Markets Authority

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Council on Environmental Quality

Department of Commerce

Drug Enforcement Administration

European Commission

European Union

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Federal Communications Commission

Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Federal Trade Commission

Food and Drug Administration

Government Accountability Office

Internal Revenue Service

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Navajo Nation

New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission

New York Attorney General's Office

Securities and Exchange Commission

Small Business Administration

U.S. Air Force

U.S. Army

U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

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U.S. Department of Justice

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U.S. Department of State

focus on modernization. [Read more »](#)

NEW JERSEY

NJ Election Watchdog Gets Complaint Against Pol Revived

A New Jersey state appeals court ruled Friday that two Republicans on the four-member New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission had the authority to issue a complaint against Democratic politician Joseph N. DiVincenzo Jr. and his campaign treasurer, rejecting the argument that a bipartisan vote was needed. [Read more »](#)

EXPERT ANALYSIS

What To Expect From CFPB As Leadership Remains Uncertain

Before the installation of new leadership at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, much activity will ensue that will have major impact on the financial industry and will be challenging to reverse, says Quyen Truong, partner at Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP and former deputy general counsel of the CFPB. [Read more »](#)

DOE Report On Electricity Markets: Missed Opportunities

Last month, the U.S. Department of Energy released a report on trends in the electric industry with regard to reliability, resilience and affordability. But with its emphasis on coal and nuclear "baseload" generation, the report misses many opportunities to champion important new approaches and technologies, say Linda Walsh and Sylvia Bartell of Husch Blackwell LLP. [Read more »](#)

Navigating Texas Regulations After Harvey

The Texas governor's office and the executive director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality have agreed to temporarily suspend certain state environmental rules relating to a broad range of areas impacted by Hurricane Harvey. But companies may still be bound by similar federal regulations, say Kevin Collins and Whit Swift of Bracewell LLP. [Read more »](#)

Opinion

Teachers Would Slip Through Cracks Of New Immigration Plan

Under the recently introduced Reform American Immigration for Strong Employment Act immigrants with a variety of essential skills — for example, public school teachers — will be overlooked in a way that is contrary to the bill's own goals, says Hiba Anver of Erickson Immigration Group. [Read more »](#)

How Collaboration Is Changing Inside Some Law Firms

In our recent survey of business of law professionals, nearly half of respondents said that who they collaborate with, inside their law firm, is different from five years ago, says Chris Cartrett of legal software provider Aderant. [Read more »](#)

LEGAL INDUSTRY

Analysis

Redaction Fails: 4 Times Doc Blunders Exposed Secret Info

U.S. Department of Transportation

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

U.S. Department of the Treasury

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

U.S. Forest Service

U.S. House of Representatives

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

U.S. Marine Corps

U.S. Navy

U.S. Office of Personnel Management

U.S. Special Operations Command

U.S. Supreme Court

Wyoming Attorney General's Office

Wyoming Legislature

Some mistakes are easy to erase, but as a recent flub by U.S. Department of Justice lawyers illustrates, the failure to black out confidential information in a document is a tried-and-true way to complicate a case and embarrass yourself in court. Here, Law360 looks at other redaction screw-ups lawyers would rather black out of their memory. [Read more »](#)

Chicago Lawyer Allegedly Filmed Co-Worker Undressing

A former associate at a Chicago law firm is facing a disciplinary action for surreptitiously filming a co-worker more than 20 times while he changed clothes at the office, according to a complaint filed with the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission. [Read more »](#)

Calif. Judges Talk Juries, Young Attys And Email Fights

A panel of California federal judges shared their views on jury selection, new attorneys and how they deal with contentious lawyers taking their personal quarrels to email during a Federal Bar Association event held at Stanford Law School Thursday. [Read more »](#)

GC Cheat Sheet: The Hottest Corporate News Of The Week

A suit brought by a Grubhub delivery driver puts the "gig economy" on trial in California, the Trump administration's plan to rescind DACA poses questions for employers and a former General Electric in-house counsel is sanctioned for leaks. These are some of the top stories in corporate legal news you may have missed last week. [Read more »](#)

Podcast

Law360's Pro Say: Can The DACA Program Be Saved?

On the latest episode of Law360's Pro Say podcast, the team discusses the fallout of the Trump administration's controversial decision to phase out Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, a BigLaw firm shelling out \$34 million for its role in a Ponzi scheme, the kickoff of Senator Robert Menendez's bribery trial, and a jury verdict over the works of John Steinbeck. [Read more »](#)

In Case You Missed It: Hottest Firms And Stories On Law360

For those who missed out, here's a look back at the law firms, stories and expert analyses that generated the most buzz on Law360 last week. [Read more »](#)

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